

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Mehgi Vaez-Iravani et al.

Assignee: KLA-Tencor Corporation

Title: SAMPLE INSPECTION SYSTEM

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Mail Stop Continuation Application
Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: